

REMARKS

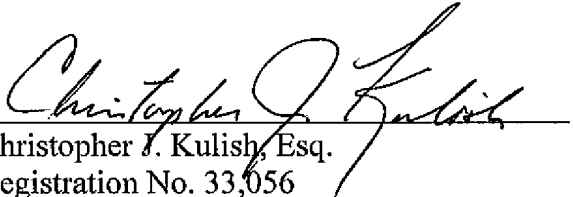
Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the application. Pursuant to the Reply to Restriction Requirement being filed concurrently with this Second Preliminary Amendment, claims 9-12 are withdrawn. This second preliminary amendment amends claim 9 so as to be dependent from claim 1 and to preserve the right to rejoinder of claims 9-12.

No claim related fees are believed to be due with this response. In the event any such fees are due, please debit Deposit Account 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,

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